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COUNCIL TO DEMAND THAT SEWER SYSTEM BE USED

CITY HAS SPENT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR EXTENSIVE SEWER SYSTEM

PUNCH BOARDS SCORED ALSO

Canfield Succeeds S. J. Spencer Whose Resignation is Accepted—Other Doings of the City Fathers.

Determined that the health of the city shall not be longer endangered by the failure of property owners living within the sewerage districts to use them, the city council at its regular meeting last Monday evening initiated action to compel compliance. The first step taken was that of referring the matter to City Recorder C. M. Stearns to examine the ordinances to fix the procedure. If none of the present ordinances furnish the necessary procedure such an ordinance will be ordered at the next meeting.

That is not all that the council wants done in the matter of health protection. An examination was ordered of several alleys in the downtown section to determine whether or not an application of shovels, etc., would not promote more sanitary condition.

The attention of the council having been directed by A. E. Jacquish to the fact that waste water from the irrigation system is permitted to accumulate on some low land near the railroad tracks on Colorado avenue, thus furnishing a fine breeding place for mosquitos, it was decided that some attention should be directed thereto. This led to the proceedings above noted relative to the use of sewers.

While the council was considering the matter several of the members present called attention to various portions of the city where the use of various portions of the city where the use of the sewers should be required. Mayor W. F. Homan observed that, "the city has spent thousands of dollars building main and lateral sewers and there is no reason for their not being used by those who live near them." This sentiment found approval with every member present.

After Punch Boards Too.

Councilman H. L. Peterson started another subject for general discussion when he said:

"What are we going to do about the punch boards. For the good name and best interests of the city I think we should order them out. They are a menace, especially to the young boys about town. Some of these youngsters spend every cent they get on these boards and I believe they ought to be stopped, especially since there is a state law against them, as well as other forms of gambling."

"Certainly the jewelry punch boards should be driven out," declared Councilman Everhart. "The punch board that gives dollar for dollar the money spent is not so bad but those that give only a fraction of the receipts should not be permitted."

"There is no doubt but that these punch boards are a menace to the boys of the city," said Mayor Homan, "but I understand that there are but a few of them running now. I understood that most of them were called in recently. They tell me that these soft drink places can hardly run without them. It is hard for the city officials to take action against them without a city ordinance, and I do not believe we have such an ordinance. There is a state law and it seems to me that the county officials who are paid to enforce the law should give it their attention."

"I agree with the mayor," said Councilman Fraser. "The councilmen are continually presented with the argument, 'they have them in Vale and Nyssa, why can't we have them here.' Now the council is not paid for its service and it seems to me that this matter should be called to the attention of the district at-

TO TAKE LONG TRIP FOR MURDER TRIAL

Witnesses From Winnemucca, Nevada Will Have to Go to Ogden Utah to Reach Vale for Case

To reach Vale on October 24 to testify in the D. C. Brehm murder trial for the death of R. C. (Lum) Goodwin, witnesses from Winnemucca, Nevada, will have to cross three states.

From their homes they will proceed east to Ogden, Utah, and there transfer and reach Eastern Idaho at Pocatello and proceed westward to Ontario and thence to Vale. The journey from Winnemucca to Vale will take them some 800 miles, while on a direct line it would have taken them less than 300.

The witnesses coming from the Nevada city were subpoenaed by District Attorney W. H. Brooke and Sheriff Ben Brown, who spent the first of the week there collecting evidence in the case. It was in Winnemucca that accused man wired to Boise to secure \$500 from Goodwin's account and in other ways represented himself to be the dead man.

On their return trip which was made in Sheriff Brown's car the county officials had a hard, cold ride. This side of Jordan Valley they ran into three inches of snow and enjoyed wet roads prior to that time. However they made the full 600 miles without even a puncture.

Superintendent E. G. Bailey and F. J. Clemo made a trip to Fruitland and New Plymouth Saturday to interest citizens there in the Ontario Lyceum course. They received substantial encouragement and at least 40 tickets will be placed on the bench.

B. F. Dunton of Drewsey is in town this week a guest at the home of J. A. Williams and family.

SEES REPUBLICAN VICTORY IN NEVADA

Dissatisfaction Over Party's Attitude On Woman's Suffrage and Public Land Bill Evident.

That the national republican ticket will be returned a winner in Nevada is the belief of District Attorney W. H. Brooke, who returned Wednesday evening from a trip to Winnemucca, Nevada.

"While in Winnemucca I had the pleasure of attending a democratic rally at which United States Senator Key Pitman was the principal attraction. This was indeed a real opportunity to gauge political sentiment in that region, and the manner in which the senator proceeded in his address was a plain indication that the party is on the defensive in that state with a real fight on its hands."

"For more than a half hour Senator Pitman defended the democratic party's attitude on the woman's suffrage question and then launched into a defense of his attitude on the public land bill. The he worked hard for climaxes he was not once greeted with applause. The audience, was evidently not in sympathy with his attitude, the many expressed no ill will for him personally."

"Private conversation among both republicans and democrats gave ample evidence that the race there is a warm one with every assurance that the republican national ticket will win in November."

"An idea of the pressure under which the democratic party is laboring may be gained from the fact that they have levied a four percent assessment on all democratic office holders to provide funds for carrying on the campaign. This has caused no little dissatisfaction among the party men, if one may judge from the whispering and waiting that an outsider is privileged to hear."

EXCITEMENT PROMISED AT HEARING ON COUNTY TAXES

OREGON HOLDING HER OWN

SAYS FORMER ONTARIO MAN

In a letter recently received by H. B. Cockrum from W. T. Lampkin, who took his family back to his old home in Missouri, he tells of conditions as he finds them in that section. Among other observations he says: "Conditions are very bad here. They raised a very small oat crop, a fair hay crop and absolutely nothing else, not even potatoes. All of Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri and part of Iowa suffered a drought of 62 days. Not even old-timers can tell of a year as bad as this one" so I am confident that Oregon is holding her own."

TELEPHONE COMPANY MAKE IMPROVEMENT

Work to Start Next Week on Betterments Which Will Require Total Outlay of \$15,000.

Work will start next week on a number of property changes and betterments in the Malheur Home Telephone company's system which will require a total outlay of \$15,000, is the announcement of Manager R. W. Gardner.

According to the plans of the company as outlined by Mr. Gardner the line from Ontario to Nyssa will be rebuilt, new poles replacing those now in use. A portion of the city system is to be rebuilt, new cables installed and other betterments provided.

The poles for the new line to Nyssa have already been received and work will be started as soon as possible.

OREGON CLUB BANQUETS AND ELECTS OFFICERS

After a big duck dinner at the home of Miss DuClos Tuesday evening, the members of the Oregon club launched the club's activities for the fall and winter season. The opening was an auspicious one for the banqueters enjoyed the wild duck dinner which represented the ability of Paul Campbell as a mighty hunter.

The members who sat at the banquet table were: President Lee Cockrum; vice president, A. F. Riddle, secretary, Paul Campbell; treasurer, R. M. Perry, Joe Buening, Henry Griffin, Don Platt, Herchel Brown, Clinton Trow, Bryon Turner, James Smith, Andrew Mameman, Ralph Dunbar and F. J. Clemo.

After the banquet the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. F. Riddle; vice president, Bryon Turner; secretary, F. J. Clemo and treasurer, Lee Cockrum. Following this applications for membership were acted upon and the following names were added to the club roll: R. W. Gardner, Ray Boyer, C. Orcutt, H. F. Miller, W. C. Beamguard and G. K. Aiken. Other applications have since been received and an adjourned meeting will be held soon to act upon them.

The club will again occupy quarters in the Wilson building and is contemplating an active season with club dances, literary programs as well as athletic events.

HUNTERS GET BIRDS AND THEY ALSO GET SOAKED

O. J. Luehrs and son Carl with H. W. Gardner sought the duck passes in the Big Bend country Sunday and had great luck. Among other things they got soaking wet and enjoyed the pleasures of putting up an automobile top in the middle of the night, with the rain coming down, real wet making things generally "pleasant" but then it was all worth while for they got a handsome bag of mallards and spoon bills, beside teal and other varieties. Their friends, thanks to generosity of the hunters enjoyed duck dinners Monday.

W. C. Letson did not have to go far from town Sunday to get a neat bag of ducks and he claims that he did not get wet, either.

Chet Lackey is the proud possessor of one of the new Fords delivered last week by Erbie Hayes.

LAST WEEK HAS DEVELOPED INTEREST AMONG CITIZENS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

INEQUALITIES BROUGHT UP

New Budget Law So Worded That Question of Valuation Does Not Effect Expenditure Says County Judge.

Interesting information and not a little excitement is in store for the taxpayers who attend the mass meeting at Vale tomorrow, according to well defined rumors. That there will be "something doing" is certain as the result of the notices sent out by the board of equalization with County Assessor L. E. Hill dissenting thereto.

County Judge Geo. W. McKnight and County Clerk W. H. DeLittle were in Ontario Sunday and on all sides they were besieged with questions relative to the valuations throughout the county and sufficient heat was shown to indicate that the people of the county are intensely interested in the proceedings.

There is evident an undercurrent of dissatisfaction over the present roll and a division of feeling centering around the assessor's office. Put in plain English there is a belief extant that the valuations were not made in accordance with the provisions of the statute relating to real valuation. Whether or not this feeling is justified will be determined at the hearing, when, no doubt, Mr. Hill will have an opportunity to let the people know the theory on which the valuations were made.

Valuations Do Effect Expenditures.

"There is one point that the people should not overlook," said Judge McKnight, while discussing the situation Sunday. "It is this, under the new budget law the officials in the various taxing bodies do not make up the levy. They determine how much they are to need for the conduct of their business for the ensuing year and transmit their figures to the county court which determines the levy needed. When the various taxing bodies make their budget they have no knowledge of what the valuation will be so can not determine the levy. That is the business of the county court and is purely a mathematical proposition after the valuation has been determined."

"What the county board of equalization wants is merely the determination of a fair valuation and the removal of discrepancies. For example there is one building in Ontario, the Moore hotel, that is on the rolls for twice the combined valuations of several other buildings here of the same character of construction. The earning power of the Moore Hotel is not to be compared with several of these individually. Now the question of what property will earn is very pertinent to its valuation. There is no reason for penalizing a man for erecting a building on the expectation of the future."

"So far as agricultural land is concerned the differences in the role are such that the board of equalization must take note of them. What the appraisals made under the various irrigation and drainage districts and thus have a large portion of the land classified, then the proposition would remain fixed for some time."

"We hope the many taxpayers will be present at the meeting for the board earnestly desires to obtain their views on the situation."

POLITICAL SITUATION

LOOKS ROSY TO STAPLES

After an extended trip thru the western end of the county V. B. Staples, republican candidate for county clerk was in Ontario Monday.

"Judging from all the signs things looks fine for the success of the republican ticket," said Mr. Staples. "I have been over a large portion of the county and from the head of the ticket down the republican vote will be strong. There is no doubt where Malheur county's majority will go."



CARTER, in New York Evening Sun

"I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF IT!"

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